

The Denise Hendrickson House  
Crawfords Corner - Everett Road  
Holmdel Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey

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Historic American Buildings Survey  
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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

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Owner (and occupant): John Clausen Jr.

OWNER 1955  
MR + MRS J THOMAS  
KELSEY

Dates of Erection: Minor unit about 1760; main unit  
about 1790

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Major unit by Denise Hendrickson (owner)

Present Condition: Original house, well maintained.  
Barns, granary, cowsheds etc. a fine group  
of farm buildings of 18th century

Number of Stories: Two and one-half over cellar

Materials of Construction:

Foundation - stone masonry

Exterior walls - timber frame, mud filled  
in minor unit, brick-filled in major  
one, shingled where not replaced by  
modern clapboards

Interior walls - lath and plaster on wood  
studding

Chimneys - brick, built into inside of  
end walls

Roof - gable on minor unit, gambrel on  
major one, sheetiron covered on  
original wood shingles

Historical Data:

The identification of this so-called  
Stout-Hendrickson House by search of title to the  
property through successive owners as recorded in  
the County Archives has been found possible back

to the year 1832, and to Denise Hendrickson(a) during whose ownership (assuming he came into possession at the time of his marriage in 1786) the major unit of the house evidently was erected as an addition to the lesser and older one. His title has not been discovered, and accordingly the authorship of the earlier unit cannot be stated with authority.(b)

(a) Denise<sup>4</sup> Hendrickson, born 12 Nov. 1761, died 3 March 1839 in this house, gravestone in family cemetery on adjacent farm (NJ-544), elder son of Garret<sup>3</sup> Hendrickson (1734-1801) and his first wife Catherine Denise (1732-1771) and brother of Hendrick<sup>4</sup> Hendrickson (1764-1837) who inherited the paternal farm (NJ-544). He married 28 Dec. 1786, Anne Schenck, born 15 Nov. 1766, died 6 Aug. 1858, dau. of John Schenck and wife Nelly Bennett, and had issue: Garret D.<sup>5</sup> b. 7 July 1787, d. 12 Oct. 1861; John S.<sup>5</sup> b. 9 May 1807, d. 1871, of whom further; and Catherine b. 8 Oct. 1801, d. 9 Sept. 1890, m. Peter R. Smock. (Geo. C. Beekman, Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth County, New Jersey, 1901, pp. 121 and 123. J. E. Stillwell, Hist. & Genealog. Miscellany, II, 339-340).

(b) "Stout (?) - Hendrickson House, Pleasant Valley, Holmdel Twp. The present wing of the house may have been the home of David Stout who lived on this farm from about 1690 to 1725" (R. F. Bailey, Pre-Rev. Dutch Houses & Families, 1936, p. 423 (see cut), and p. 410). But note that David<sup>2</sup> Stout, with wife Rebecca of Freehold Twp., Mon. Co. by deed of 19 Aug. 1706 conveyed to Obadiah Holmes of Middletown a 144 acre tract at Crosswicks in said Freehold Twp. (J. E. Stillwell, Hist. & Genealog. Miscellany IV, 347). "David Stout, the seventh and last son of Richard the first, it is said he was born in the year 1669 and that he was married to Rebecca Ashton and lived in Middletown on land part of which is now in possession of Dennis Hendrickson. He continued his residence at Middletown, a near neighbor to Obadiah Holmes who had married his wife's sister Alice, until he had raised a family and two of them were married, James and Rebecca, whom he settled in Upper Freehold." (Nathan Stout, The History of the Stout Family, compiled and publ. 1823, reprinted 1878, 1906 and 1929). This last statement is not sufficient evidence for claiming the older part of the house here considered to have been on the land mentioned there, in view of the contradictory evidence of the 1706 deed above cited.

Thus, by his will dated 20 April 1832 and proved 30 March 1839, Denise Hendrickson of Middletown Township, Monmouth County, devised (quote) I give and bequeath to my son John Schenck Hendrickson all the plantation which I now live on. This testator did not receive this farm from his father by the latter's will of 1801, and no deeds conveying it to him are found on record either at Freehold or at Trenton, but the title from him through successive to the present owner has been traced as follows, leaving no doubt that he owned and occupied this house in 1832.

John S. Hendrickson\*, second son and devisee of the paternal homestead in 1832 as abovesaid, held the same until his death there in 1871 intestate. By deed of 26 March 1872, his widow Eleanor Hendrickson and their sons William D., Garret and John S., conveyed to (his son-in-law) Robert Carsen of Marlboro Township Monmouth County, their three quarter interest in the 118 acre "Homestead farm of John S. Hendrickson deceased" for \$15,000.

Robert Carson who thus with his wife came into full possession of her father's farm died in 1895 intestate, and his widow Harriet H. Carson of Holmdel Township sold her quarter interest in the 115 acres "Homestead farm of Robert Carson" to Patrick Kelly of Middletown Township by her deed of 11 June 1896. The last named, described as of Holmdel Township in his will dated 27 November 1912 (proved 18 December next), devised to his "daughter Ellen Hyland, wife of John Henry Hyland, my farm known as the Hendrickson farm, on which I now reside." By deed of 1 March 1933, his widow and executrix, with other heirs, conveyed to John Clausen Jr. of Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey, the 115 acre "Homestead farm of the late John S. Hendrickson deceased," describing it as lying on both sides of the highway from Morrisville to Keyport and as bounded north by lands of Garret D. Longstreet, east by the estate of William D. Hendrickson decd., south by other lands of that estate and by those

\* The name John S. Hendrickson appears inside the barn

of the estate of Obadiah J. Stillwell decd., and west by lands of Holmes Wyckoff. Mr. Clausen remains as owner and occupant of the house at the time of our survey thereof in January 1941.

Reference:

Search of title by William Brown,  
H.A.B.S. research editor, reported  
December 31, 1940

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Old Homes in Monmouth by Fritz Cleary

# Old Dutch Farmhouse Has Eight Levels



One of the few pre-Revolutionary Dutch houses remaining in Monmouth County is the Penelope Stout house on Everett Road in Holmdel Township. (All of the Dutch houses built at that time were constructed in a section known as Holland.) Penelope arrived from New Amsterdam (New York) with her husband, Richard, and settled in Middletown in 1665. Mr. Stout, one of the largest landholders in the colony before his death, turned about 300 acres of his holding over to a son, David, in 1690. A farmhouse was erected by David shortly after the transfer. Penelope went to live with her son after the death of her husband. She died and was buried on the farm in 1732. At the time of the Revolution, the farm was acquired by Denise Hendrickson, who constructed the main wing of the house about 1790. This old home has 14 rooms and two staircases. The handrail on the principal stairs is mahogany; its newel post goes right down into the cellar and

is pegged in place. (In fact, all beams throughout the house are pegged.) There are eight distinct floor levels in the building. Of the five fireplaces which formerly heated the house, only two are now in operation. One, in the dining room (the original old kitchen) is nine feet across in the opening. The two bedroom fireplaces are closed, but their shallow flanking closets are in original condition. Because of the four closets and two fireplaces, there are no windows in the western end of the house on the bedroom floor. Exterior walls are lined with brick. The interior walls are 18 inches thick and filled with hoy, mud and hair. Old hand-split shingles still gorment the house, their exposed ends held down by handmode nails. Of the 279 acres which comprised the farm in post-Revolution days, only six are now held by the owners of the house, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Kelsey. The house has passed through numerous hands during its long history. Each owner at some time added a closet until now the house boasts 20.

# Flaming Crash In Fog Kills 22 on Plane

CHICAGO — (AP) — An airliner coming in low for an instrument landing at haze-shrouded Midway Airport clipped an electric sign over a gasoline station and somersaulted in flames yesterday, killing 22 of the passengers and crew and injuring 21.

Many of the victims were Air Force and Navy reservists, en route to and from summer training camps.

The pilot—Capt. Allen Tobin of Dallas, who is among the dead—was landing on instruments because of a low fog which limited visibility to a half mile. But the plane's course was several hundred feet to far to the right of the runway and too low.

The plane ticked against the 15-foot high electric sign above a filling station across the street from the airport, crashed thru a fence and spun onto its back inside the airport, one wing ripped off and the other afire.

"There was a rush of wind," said Stanley J. Wrobel, 36, the filling station operator. "I heard the plane ticking against our sign. A moment later the plane hit the ground, so close I thought it was in the street. There was a ball of flame, a great sound of a blast, and I thought the whole gasoline station was going up. A moment later I could see the airliner burning inside the airport. I guess the plane was falling out of the air when it went by our station."

## Wreckage Skids

The wreckage skidded nearly half a mile, too within a few hundred yards of the airport fire station. Fast acting crash crews extinguished the squirting sea of gasoline, making possible the survival of so many of the 43 persons aboard.

Several passengers died after they had reached hospitals. Of the remaining injured, only two were on the critical list last night.

The two-engine Braniff Airways Convair—flight 560 from Dallas to Chicago—was filled to capacity.

The concussion of the crash knocked a woman out of an automobile on 55th Street, where the plane crashed thru the fence. Waverly Ellis, 40, a foundry worker, and his wife, Sarah, 36, were sitting in their car, halted for a traffic light.

"I heard a crashing sound and looked up to see pieces of the gasoline sign flying," Mr. Ellis said.

"As I looked there was an explosion on the other side of the street and I saw fire all around my car. I looked for my wife and saw she was knocked out of the seat, thru the door, and was lying in the street. I picked her up and then saw for the first time the plane



A passenger (arrow) is rescued by firemen as they work thru jagged metal of Dallas-to-Chicago plane that crashed at edge of Midway Airport, Chicago, Ill., yesterday, after hitting a high sign above a gasoline station.

## Refuses to Say Who Shot Him

GUTTENBERG — (AP) — A further police questioning of a longshoreman who escaped an apparent waterfront assassination was planned for today.

Authorities say Frank Pacewicz, 26, Jersey City, thus far has refused to identify the men who rode with him in a car along River Road late Saturday night.

Mr. Pacewicz, who has a police record of robbery and other offenses, was beaten with a black-jack, tossed from the car and shot.

## Virginia County Seeks Test Of Speedy School Integration

RICHMOND, Va. — (AP) — Attorneys for the Commonwealth of Virginia and Prince Edward County are expected to ask three federal judges here tomorrow to allow one more year of segregated schools despite the U.S. Supreme Court's opinion decreeing an end to public school segregation.

The hearing will mark the second round of the contest by southern officials to determine just how the federal district courts will define the "deliberate speed" toward integration ordered in May.

measured segregation can be continued. The rejection of the one-year integration stay by NAACP attorneys yesterday indicated they will argue here, as they did in Columbia, for an immediate start toward desegregation.

Are unpaid bills piling up on you? Why not convert things you no longer use into cash by selling them thru the Merchandise for Sale column in The Press classified page?